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TAGS: PFOR MOPS PINS RW BY SG TZ

SUBJECT: GENERAL AMIN DECLARES HE IS READY TO ASSIST BURUNDI

1. GENERAL AMIN CALLED IN BURUNDI CHARGE, NKUNDWA, MAY 14 AND ASKED HIM TO SEND TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT MICOMBERO INFORMING HIM THAT UGANDA IS READY TO ASSIST HIM TO CRUSH THE INVASION BY REBELS WHO ATTACKED HIS COUNTRY FROM RWANDA AND TANZANIA OVER WEEKEND. AMIN SAID HE PLANNED INFORM OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS OF HIS DECISION. HE SAID HE WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF INVASION AND DESCRIBED MICOMBERO AS ONE OF FRIENDS OF UGANDA. GENERAL ALSO RECALLED THAT SOME TIME AGO HE ASSURED MICOMBERO IN WRITING HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT HIM IF HIS COUNTRY WAS ATTACKED.

2. NKUNDWA TOLD AMIN THERE IS NO FIGHTING INSIDE BURUNDI
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AS WAS REPORTED BY AFP FROM DAR, AND THAT ON SUNDAY HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THE REBELS HAD BEEN REPULSED. HE STRESSED THE INVASION WAS LAUNCHED ONLY AGAINST BURUNDI'S BORDERS WITH TANZANIA AND RWANDA, AND NOT ZAIRE AS REPORTED BY AFP. NKUNDWA ACCUSED RWANDA OF ASSISTING THE REBELS AND EXPRESSED HOPE TANZANIA WOULD CONTROL REFUGEES IN THAT COUNTRY BY REMOVING THEM FROM BORDER AREA. NKUNDWA SAID GRB HAD ASKED TANGOV TO SETTLE REFUGEES FAR FROM BORDER BUT THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE. ACCORDING NKUNDWA, REBELS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ARMS BY ROMAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN BELGIUM.

3. GENERAL AMIN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NKUNDWA HAD NOT INFORMED HIM IMMEDIATELY OF THE INVASION. HE DIRECTED THAT FROM NOW ON, IF SOMETHING SERIOUS HAPPENS IN ANY ENVOY'S COUNTRY, THAT ENVOY MUST INFORM HIM IMMEDIATELY THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. IF LATTER DOES NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENVOY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ENVOY SHOULD TELEPHONE DIRECT TO PRESIDENT ANY TIME, WHETHER DAY OR NIGHT.

4. COMMENT: FOR THE RECORD, GENERAL AMIN'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER (AS GIVEN OVER TV LAST NIGHT BUT NOT PUBLISHED TODAY) IS: 22411.

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